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SUBJ: TURKISH/UN DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY. FIFTH ROUND OF UN/TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS ON QUESTION OF STANDBY COMPENSATION TO GUARANTEE FAIR PRICE FOR POPPY FARMERS TOOK PLACE APRIL 29. MARTENS DID NOT INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN UN POSITION BUT AGREED PROVIDE ASAP NEW CALCULATIONS ON OPIUM/INCISED STRAW VERSUS UNINCISED STRAW TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NEW PRICE INDIAN OPIUM. KIRCA STATED THERE HAD BEEN NO MODIFICATION IN GOT'S POSITION, THAT IN VIEW INCREASE IN PRICE OF INDIAN OPIUM IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT PERSUADE GOT CHANGE ITS MIND. KIRCA SAID THAT MARTENS AND MAJOR DONORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT QUESTION OF PRICE TO FARMERS IS URGENT POLITICAL MATTER AND QUESTION IS "WHETHER PRICE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY GOT IS TO BE FOR POPPY STRAW OR FOR OPIUM". DATE OF NEXT ROUND IS UNCERTAIN BUT MARTENS AND KIRCA AGREED MEETING SHOULD BE HELD PRIOR KIRCA'S DEPARTURE FOR VISIT ANKARA, DATE OF WHICH NOT YET FIXED. END SUMMARY.

2. MARTENS HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF HIS DISCUSSION APRIL 29 WITH AMBASSADOR DIRCA.

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3. MARTENS BEGAN DISCUSSION BY REPORTING ON MEETINGS HE HELD WITH CERTAIN OF UNFDAC'S MAJOR DONORS. TOLD KIRCA THAT ALL DON-ERS HE CONSULTED, EXCEPT U.S., HAD EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT UNFDAC'S TERMS OF REFERENCE HAD CONTEMPLATED FUND'S USE TO PROVIDE STANDBY COMPENSATION TO GUARANTEE FAIR PRICE TO TURKISH POPPY FARMERS. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT HE HAD CONVINCED THEM THAT AS PRAGMATIC MATTER THIS WAS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE ADEQUATE CONTROL. WHILE HE HAD RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM GOVTS CONCERNED, NONE HAD EXPRESSED DISSENT; AT SAME TIME NONE HAD GIVEN ANY INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS MAKE FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC FOR TURKISH PRO-GRAM. USG HAD AGREED THAT UNFDAC COULD COMMIT STANDBY FUNDS TO GUARANTEE FAIR PRICE BUT GAVE NO INDICATION IT WAS PREPARED PRO-VIDE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE BASIC SIT-uation HAD NOT CHANGED SINCE LAST CONVERSATION WITH KIRCA ON APRIL 11 AND MARTENS COULD ONLY COMMIT STANDBY FUNDS WITHIN LIM-ITS UNFDAC'S CURRENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

4. KIRCA REFERRED TO NEW PRICE FOR INDIAN OPIUM AND SAID THIS STRENGTHENED GOT'S CLAIM THAT 20 TL PER KILOGRAM NEEDED BE PAID TO FARMERS FOR POPPY STRAW. SAID HE HOPED THERE COULD BE AGREE-ment BETWEEN HIM AND UNFDAC ON CALCULATIONS FOR STANDBY FUND THAT WOULD ASSUME 20 TL AS ACCEPTED FAIR PRICE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR ANKARA. (KIRCA DID NOT SAY PRECISELY WHEN HE INTENDED DE-PART.)

5. MARTENS STATED FUND WAS AWARE THAT INDIA HAD ESTABLISHED NEW OPIUM PRICE AT \$49 PER KILOGRAM AND AGREED THIS NEEDED BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CALCULATING DIFFERENCE IN INCOME BETWEEN OPIUM AND INCISED STRAW VERSUS UNIMCISED STRAW. BUT IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT NEW PRICE OF OPIUM WOULD AFFECT ALL ELEMENTS OF EQUATION, NOTABLY BOTH WHAT FARMERS WOULD OBTAIN AND AMOUNT GOT COULD GET FOR UNINCISED STRAW. SINCE UNFDAC WAS CONCERNED WITH DIFFERENCES, CONTINGENCY LIABILITY MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE AFFECTED BY PRICE INCREASE. MARTENS SAID IN ANY EVENT HE COULD NOT AGREE TO ANY CALCULATIONS WHICH WOULD BE BASED ON 20 TL BECAUSE HE KNOWS MAJOR DONORS DO NOT ACCEPT THIS. IT WAS OF COURSE UP TO GOT ITSELF TO DECIDE WHAT PRICE TO ANNOUNCE TO POPPY FARMERS. HOWEVER, UNFDAC WOULD BE ABLE ACCEPT CONTINGENCY LIABILITY ONLY AT FIXED LEVEL AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.

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6. KIRCA ASKED WHETHER FUND COULD PREPARE BY MAY 2 REVISED CAL-culations TAKING ACCOUNT OF NEW PRICE INDIAN OPIUM. MARTENS RE-plied THIS WAS COMPLICATED EXERCISE FOR WHICH HE REQUIRED MORE INFORMATION AND HE COULD THEREFORE NOT GUARANTEE PROVIDE DATA BY MAY 2 BUT WOULD TRY.

7. KIRCA SAID GOT HAD NOT MODIFIED ITS POSITION AT ALL. ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF INCREASE IN PRICE OF OPIUM/MORPHINE, IT WOULD BE

VERY DIFFICULT PERSUADE GOT CHANGE ITS MIND. KIRCA THEN SAID MARTENS AND MAJOR DONORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT QUESTION OF PRICE TO FARMER IS URGENT POLITICAL MATTER AND QUESTION IS "WHETHER PRICE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY GOT WOULD BE FOR POPPY STRAW OR FOR OPIUM".

8. MARTENS COMMENTED IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHEN HE WILL NEXT MEET WITH KIRCA AND THIS DEPENDS ON WHEN KIRCA DECIDES DEPART FOR ANKARA.

9. COMMENT: MARTENS NEED CLARIFICATION REGARDING COMPUTATIONS PREPARED BY QUENTIN JONES ON BASIS NEW PRICE OF OPIUM. WE BELIEVE THAT EXERCISE HERE COULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED AND EXPEDITED IF JONES COULD COME GENEVA PROMPTLY AND WE RECOMMEND HE SHOULD DO SO. PLEASE ADVISE.DALE

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